

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

John  
Joseph  
Joy.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating John Joseph Joy on his seventieth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Verga of Gloucester, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Milton,  
liquor  
license.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:  
Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2485) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to issue one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of a certain restaurant. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Milton,  
education  
expenditures.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2486) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to educational expenditures in the town of Milton; and

Milton,  
borrow  
money.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2487) of Brian A. Joyce, Linda D. Forry and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to borrow money to fund certain payments;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Charter  
school  
students,  
residency.

A petition of Anthony D. Galluccio, Patricia D. Jehlen, Denise Provost, Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to require proof of residency of charter school students, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2489) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Judith Sargent, an employee of the Department of Public Health. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Provost of Somerville, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Judith  
Sargent,  
sick leave.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill assuring that polling places are accessible to elderly and physically challenged voters (House, No. 148). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Handicapped,  
voting.

By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting certain election practices (House, No. 632).

Candidates,  
web sites.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to voting equipment (House, No. 639).

Ballots,  
sealing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting campaign signs on public property (House, No. 641).

Public  
property,  
campaign  
signs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing identification requirements for voters who registered by mail (House, No. 680).

Voting,  
mail  
registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to political committees (House, No. 683).

Political  
committees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to voter registration for program participants (House, No. 686).

Voter  
registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to specially qualified voters (House, No. 688).

Voters,  
special needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating initiative and referendum petitions (House, No. 712).

Initiative  
petitions,  
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to preliminary elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 4397) [Local Approval Received].

Newton,  
city  
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to elections in the town of Braintree (House, No. 4458) [Local Approval Received].

Braintree,  
town  
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the filling of certain vacancies in the town of Braintree (House, No. 4459) [Local Approval Received].

Braintree,  
vacancies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vacancies in certain elected offices in the town of Braintree (House, No. 4489) [Local Approval Received].

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Palmer,  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill placing certain questions on the ballot of the November 2008 Presidential election (House, No. 4500) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Bills  
enacted.

Engrossed bills  
Designating the month of November as lung cancer awareness month (see Senate, No. 1871); and

Relative to a certain motor vehicle registration plate (see Senate bill printed as House, No. 221, amended);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill relative to the Essex Regional Retirement System (printed as Senate, No. 1540, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans,  
special  
commission.

The House Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of war on returning Massachusetts service members (House, No. 4312) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. Verga of Gloucester moved to amend it by substitution of a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the hidden wounds of war on Massachusetts service members (House, No. 4526), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted resolve was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.